



Do at Home Craft

This week's crafting activity... **Sock Puppets!**

Making a sock puppet is really quite fun. The thing that makes sock puppets so fun is making each one unique. Each one can have special characteristics! And they don't have to be human - animals and aliens are great possibilities. Once you know how to make a simple sock puppet, you can even try a more advanced one! Choose some old socks and design your best looking sock puppet.

You will need:

- Socks
- Rope
- Crafts bits
- Google eyes
- Sewing bits
- Glue

Instructions:

- 1 **Find a clean sock that's long enough to cover your arm.** A crew sock or a knee sock would work great for this! The sock can be any color you like. It can be fuzzy or plain. It can even have stripes or polka dots! Just make sure there aren't any holes.
- 2 **Slip the sock over your hand.** Once you slip the sock on, make a C-shape with your hand. Put your fingers into the toe part. Try to get your thumb into the heel part. If you can't reach it, tuck the sock into the groove between your thumb and fingers. Open and close your hand. Your sock should already start looking like a puppet.
- 3 **Use a marker to make two dots above the seam for the eyes.** If you want your puppet to have a nose, make a dot for that as well.
- 4 **Take the sock off. Spread it flat on the table.** The marks for the eyes and nose may look out of place, but that's fine. This is why you made them while wearing the sock.
- 5 **Glue some eyes onto the sock.** You can do this with a hot glue gun, fabric glue, or tacky glue. For the actual eyes, you can use buttons, pompoms, or googly eyes. You can also draw the eyes on with a marker.
- 6 **Glue a small pompom just above the seam for the nose.** You can also cut a triangle or circle out of felt and use that instead. A button would also make a cute nose. If you don't have any of these, you can draw a nose on instead!
- 7 **Add some other decorations.** Your puppet is done at this point. You can still glue items onto it to give it more character. For example, you can glue some yarn to the top for hair.

